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CALL TO MEETING

The AKHIMA Annual Education Conference and Membership meeting will be held on April 13-15, 2016, at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage, Alaska. The Program Committee has been working to bring great speakers and pertinent topics to the AKHIMA membership.

The program agenda for ***SHIFTING LANDSCAPES*** has been finalized and will be posted to the AKHIMA website in just a few days. We have a wonderful mix of state and national speakers on topics such as information security, the numerous impacts of ICD-10 implementation, information governance, auditing, consents for minors, AeHN, changing culture, and more. Again this year, registration is free to current/active

One significant change we are making this year is the timing of the **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**. This is usually held at noon the Thursday of the Conference to allow those members not attending the conference to call in during their lunch. However, call-in participation by non-attending members has been very low. In an attempt to improve this, we are moving this membership meeting to earlier in the day. More will be coming out about how to access this membership meeting. If you are not able to attend, we encourage you to join us remotely.

We look forward to gathering together once again in Anchorage to learn and network together. Join us!

LEAP INTO FEBRUARY AND INFORMATION GOVERNANCE (IG) MONTH!

FREE WEBINARS

FEB 16 **Making the Case for IG in Healthcare**

FEB 17 **Advances in IG – Who, What, & How Much will it Cost?**

FEB 23 **IG Pilot Lessons Learned and Keys to Success**

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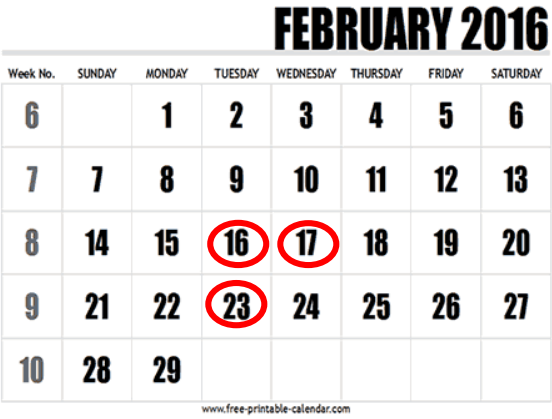

DIRECT SECURE MESSAGING

WHAT IS IT? Direct Secure Messaging (DSM) is a secure, encrypted web-based communication system for physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and other healthcare providers to share protected health information (PHI).

BENEFITS:

- Replaces non-secure fax, phone, mail, and other courier methods for delivery of PHI
- Reduces cost for physician offices and hospital medical record departments
- Provides structured data for importing into electronic health records (EHRs)
- Enables physicians to meet meaning use stage 1 outcome—improve care coordination

  Core objective: Capability to exchange key clinical information among providers of care and patient-authorized entities electronically

  Measure: Perform at least one test of the certified EHR technology's capacity to electronically exchange key clinical information

PRACTICAL USES

- Provider refers a patient to a specialist
- Specialist sends a care summary back to a referring provider
- Clinical lab delivers preliminary, final, or amended lab results
- Care coordinator shares care plans with providers, Medicaid, or other payers
- Mandatory public health reporting

Source: Alaska eHealth Network (AeHN); http://www.ak-ehealth.org/for-providers/direct-secure-messaging/

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OCTOBER 15-19, 2016

ALASKAN HIM PROFESSIONALS CREDENTIALED IN 2015!!

What a year to get an HIM credential! Many were able to get their credential prior to exam coding content changing to ICD-10. Congratulations to the individuals below successfully passed their certification exams!

FULL NAME	EXAM PASSED
Malena Andary	RHIT
Nicole Brown	RHIA
Kari Collins	CCA
Robin Eberline	CCS
Stephanie Harki	RHIT
Constance Harris	RHIA
Elizabeth Meeker	RHIT
Deborah Miller	CCS
Deizray Olson	RHIT
Rachael Prochnow	RHIT
Joanne Reed	RHIT
Gwendolyn Schammel	CCS
Louise Smalling	CCS
Cassandra Smith	CCS
Steve Wickizer	CCA

There remain a few that took certification exams after exams were changed to include ICD-10. Results for those exams are still being held by AHIMA. Hopefully, those results will be released soon!

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